

2010 Military Health System Conference

Advances in Tissue Regeneration

Sharing Knowledge: Achieving Breakthrough Performance

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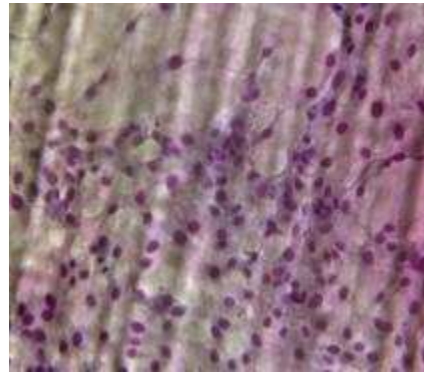
1954, First organ transplant, Boston



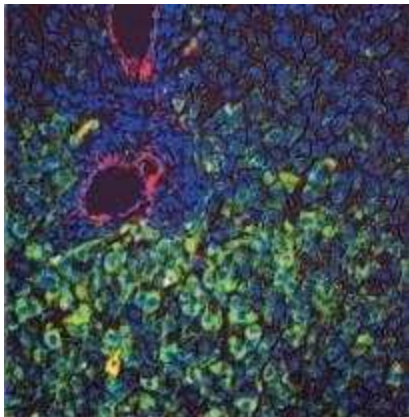
Today, Increasing problem: tissue and organ shortage and rejection



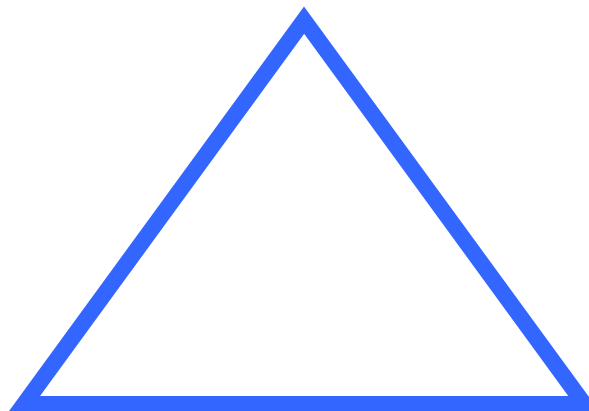
What is Regenerative Medicine?



Tissue Engineering and
Biomaterials



Cellular Therapies

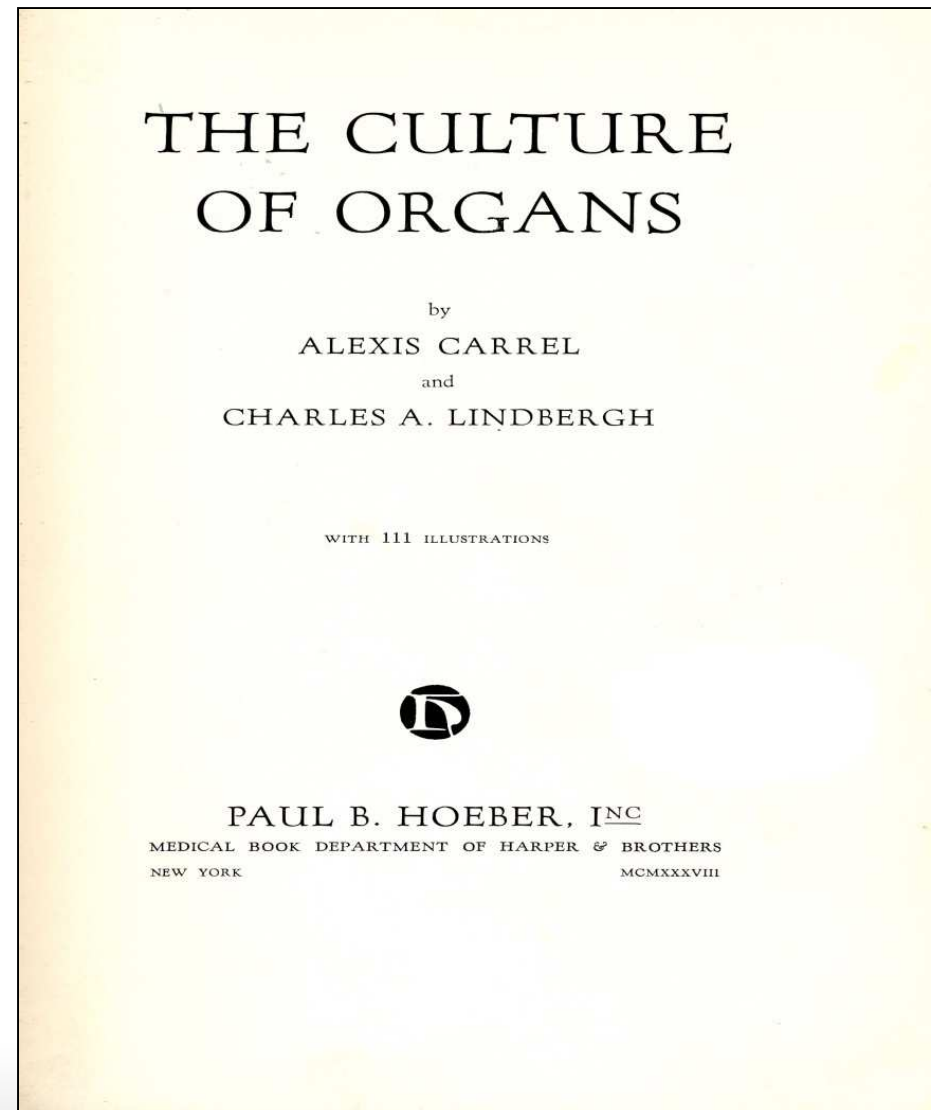


Medical Devices and Artificial
Organs

Regenerative Medicine / Tissue Engineering



- Based on the field of cell transplantation (started in 1930s)
- First clinical application: engineered skin for burn patients, 1981



Regenerative Medicine / Tissue Engineering



- A field of research for over 60 years. Why so few clinical advances?
 - Inability to expand cells in vitro
 - Inadequate biomaterials
 - Inadequate vascularity

Progenitor Cells



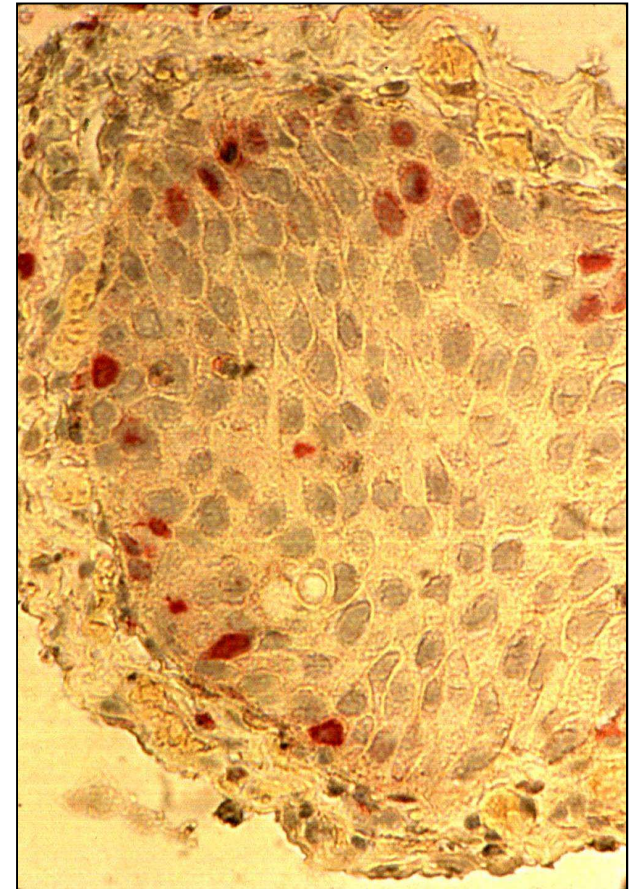
1 cm²

Day 1 (5 X 10⁴ cells)



Day 60 (50 X 10⁹ cells)

**Enough cells to cover a
football field**



CELL DELIVERY VEHICLES



- **Biocompatibility**
 - Cell attachment
 - Cell viability
- **Degradation curves**
 - Inflammatory responses
 - Biomechanical properties
- **The scaffold should replicate the biomechanical and structural properties of the tissue being replaced.**

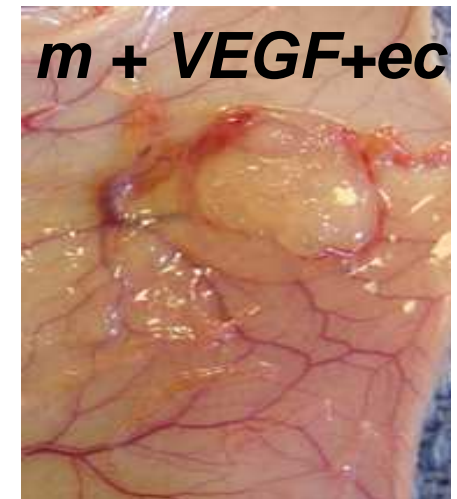
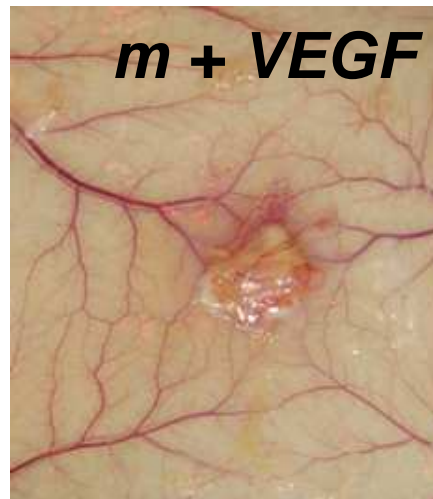
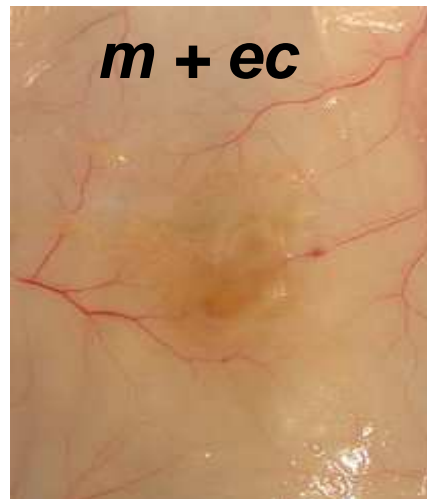


Scaffold in the shape of a human ear

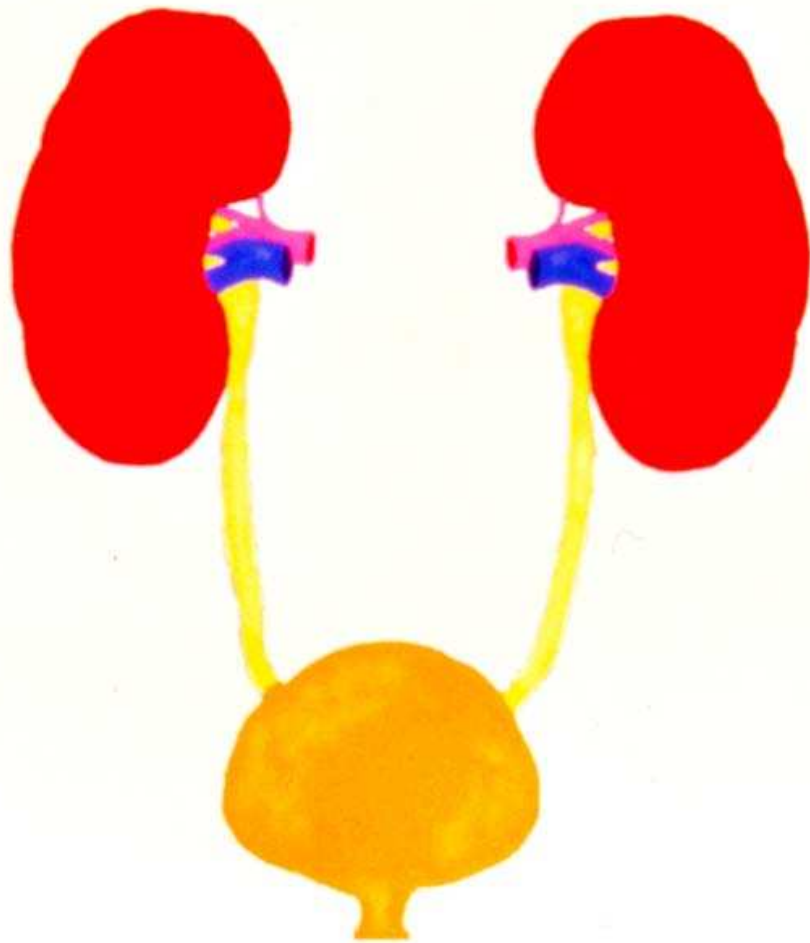
Vascularity: Problem



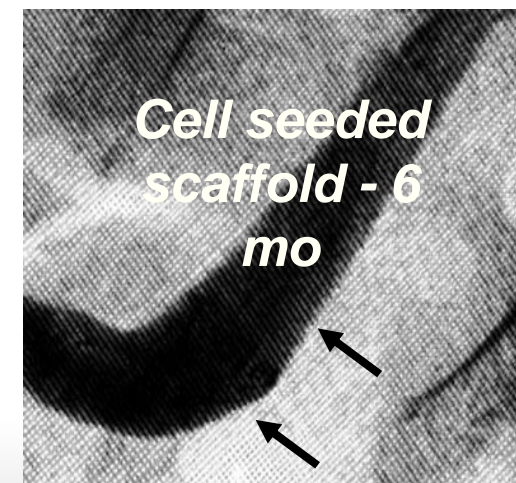
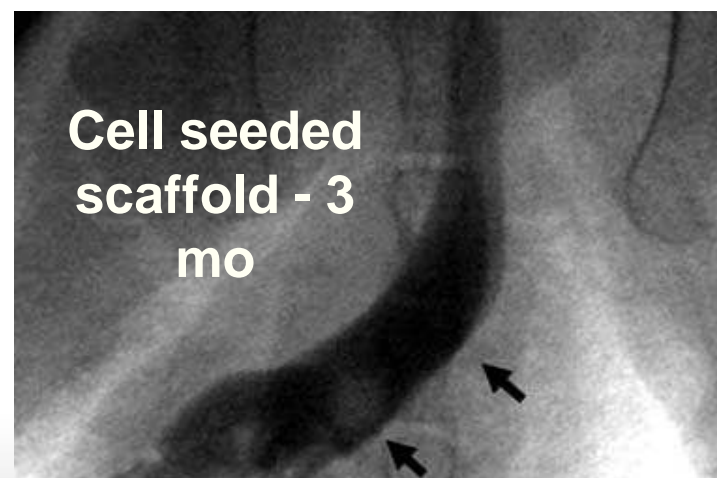
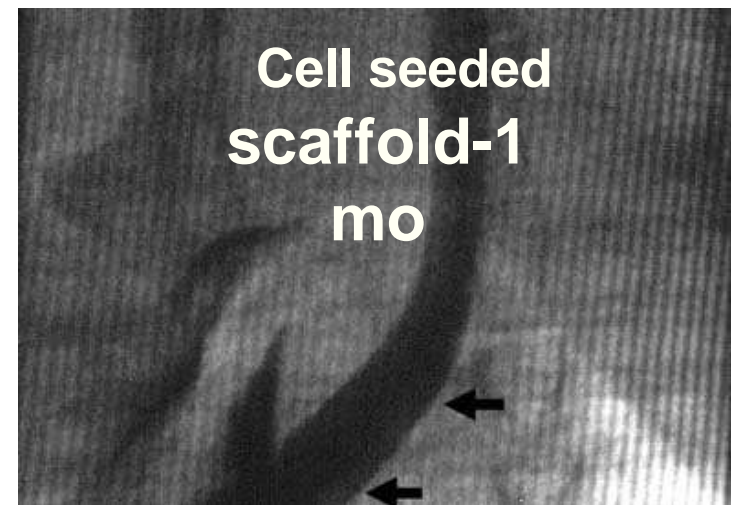
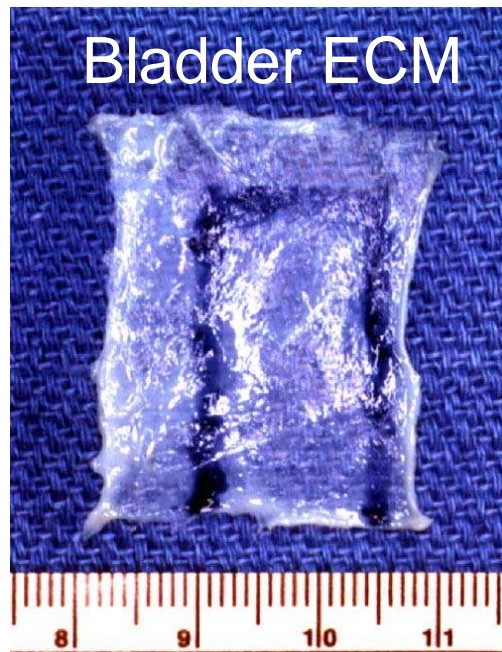
- Cells cannot be implanted in volumes greater than 3 mm³ (the size of a pencil eraser)
- Nutrition to the cells is limited (limited vascularity)



Urinary System



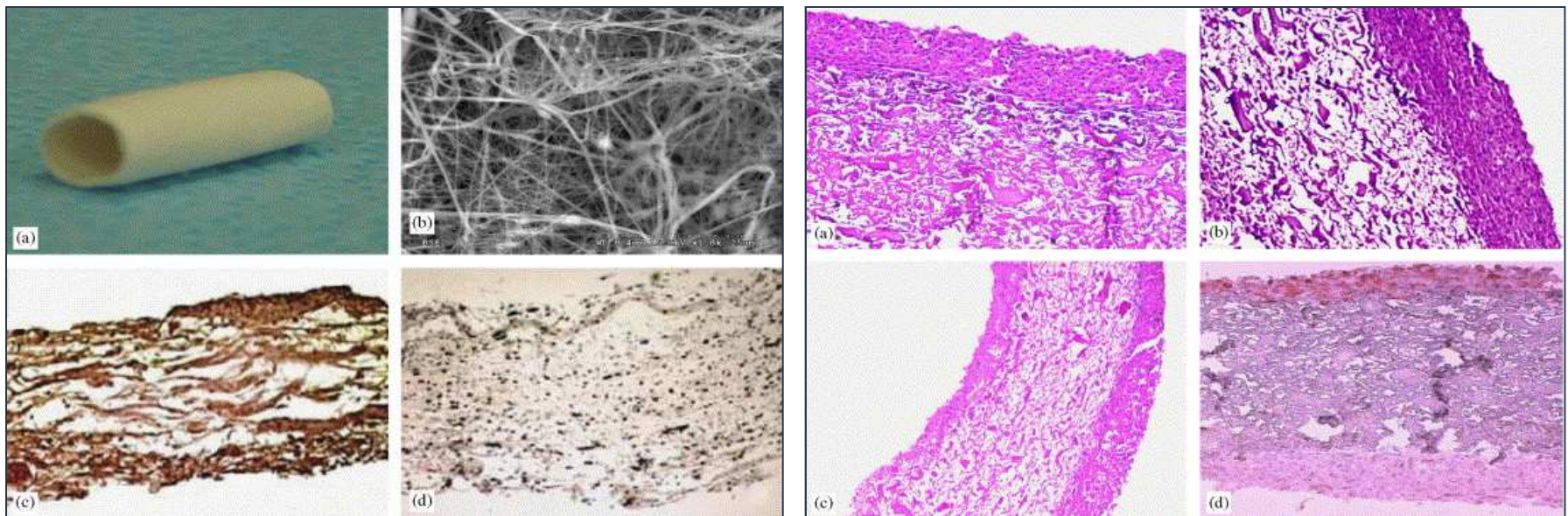
Engineered Urethras



Fabrication of a vascular substitute

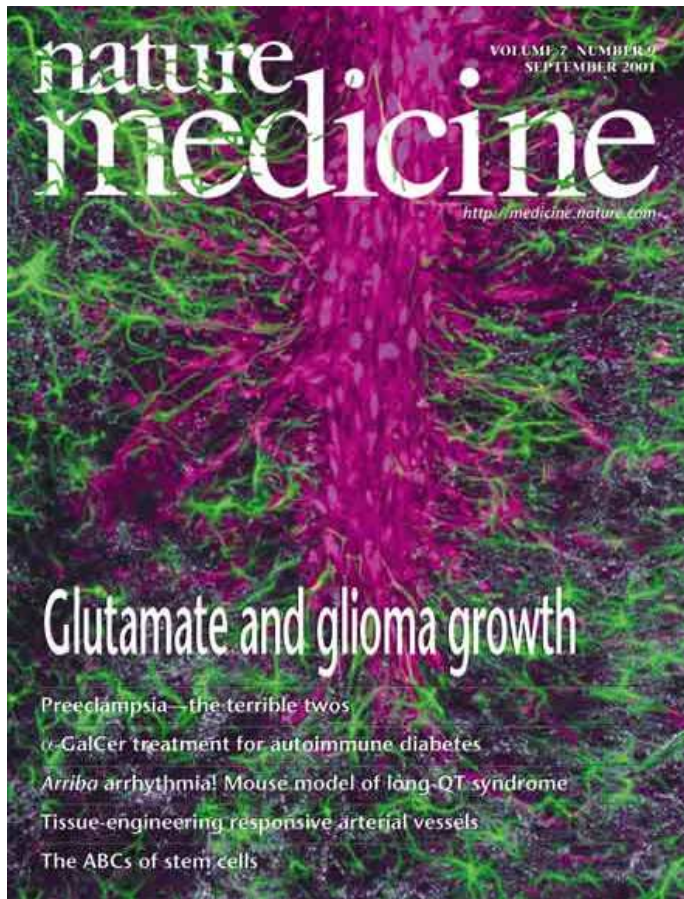


Electrospun nanofiber substrate, with endothelial and smooth muscle cells



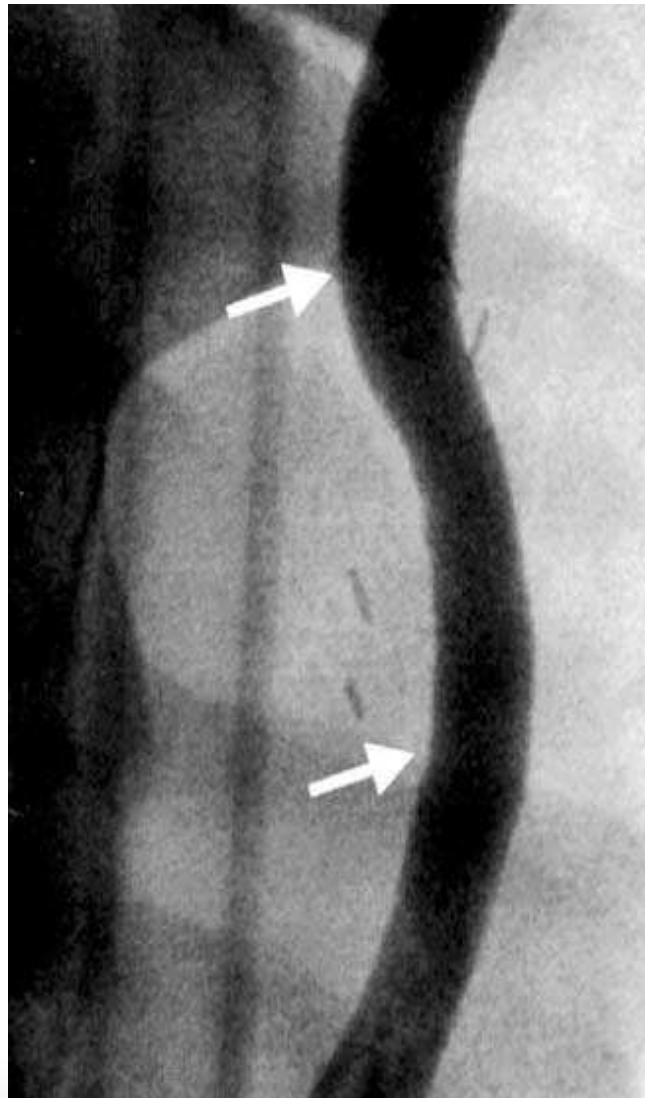
Stitzel et al., *Biomaterials*, 2005.

Tissue Engineered Arteries



Kaushal et al

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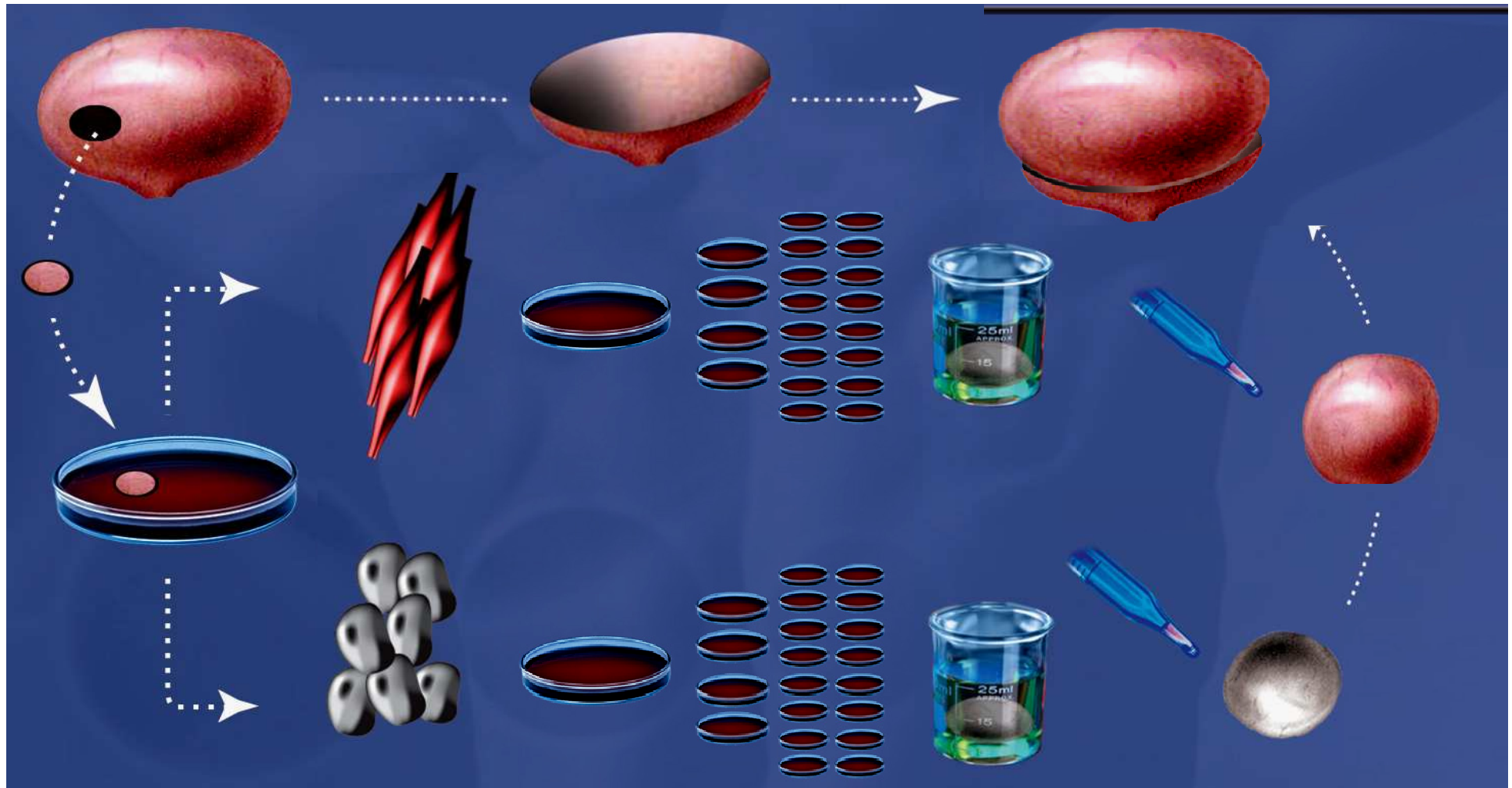


Engineered Artery



Native Artery

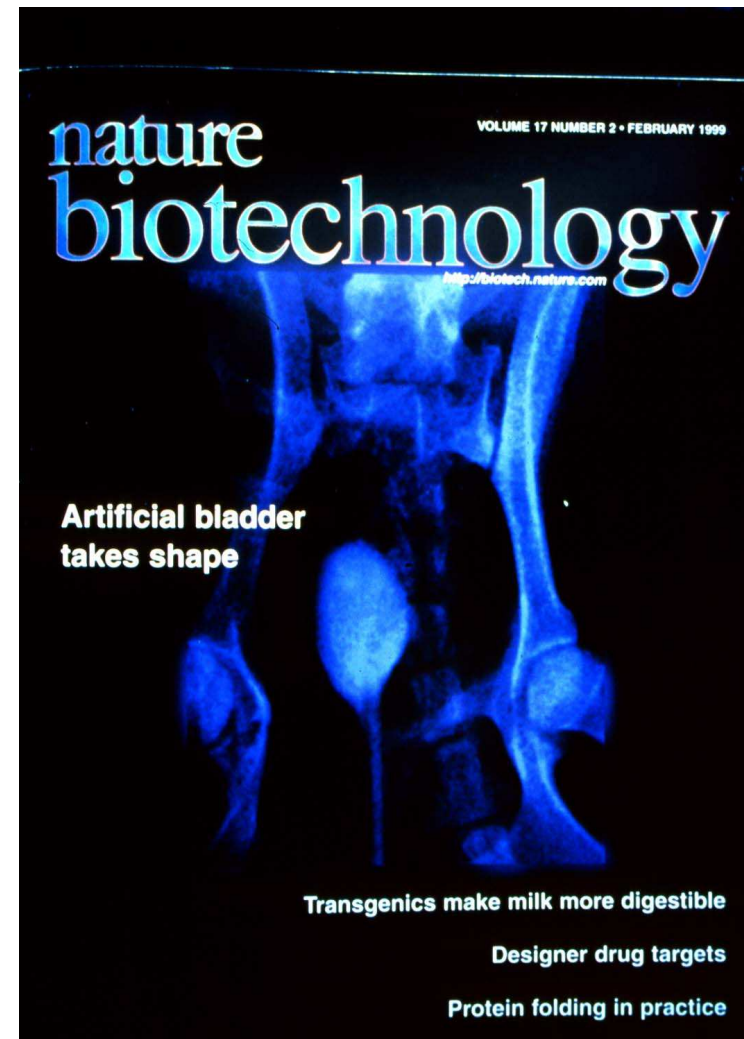
Creation of the First Engineered Organ: Bladder



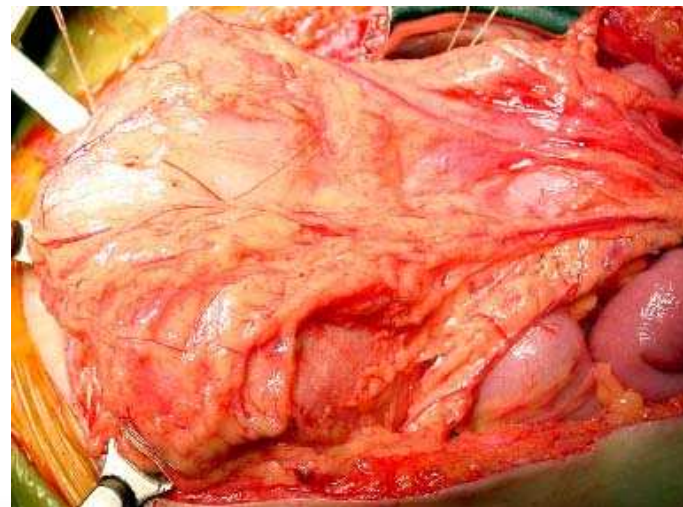
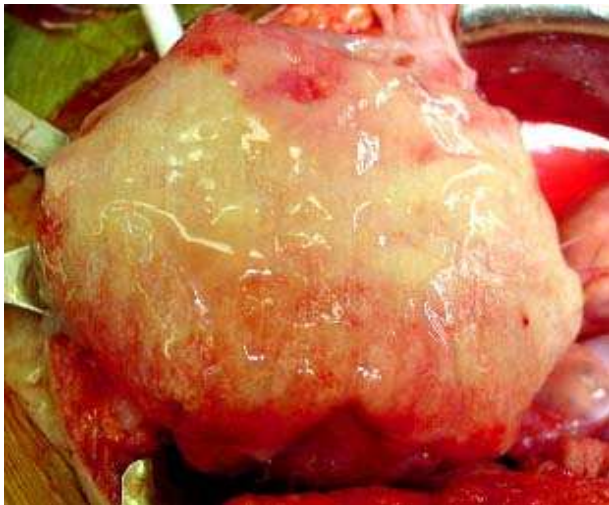
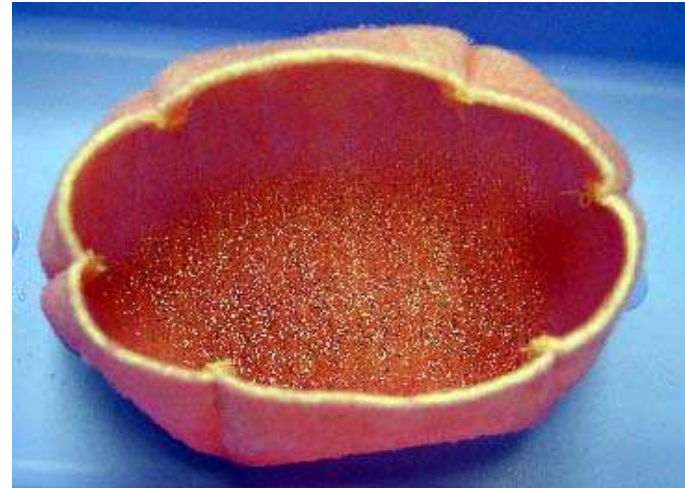
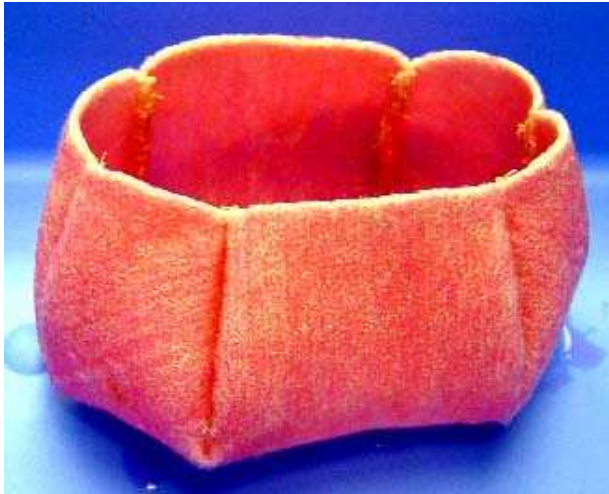
Clinical Studies



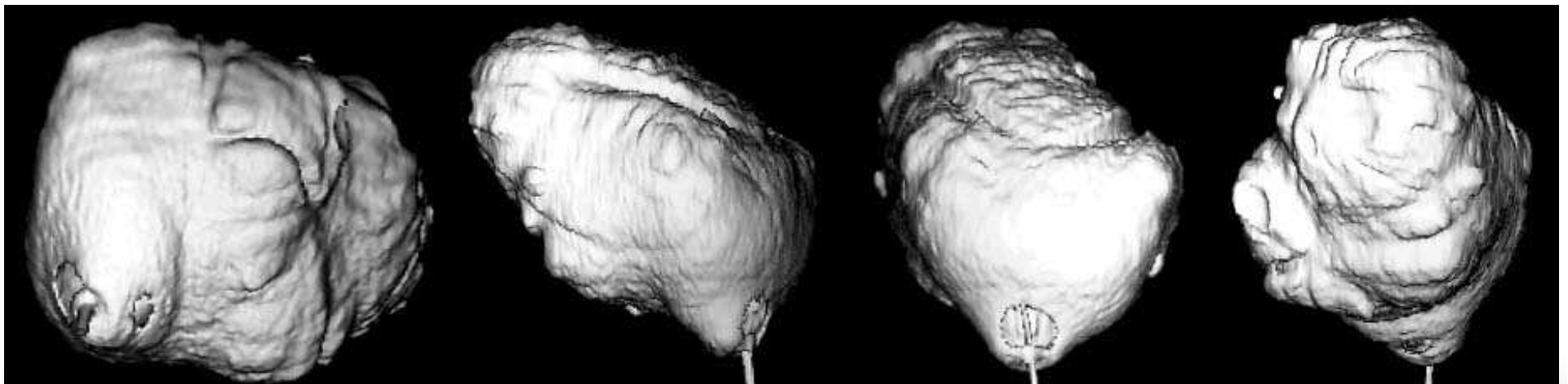
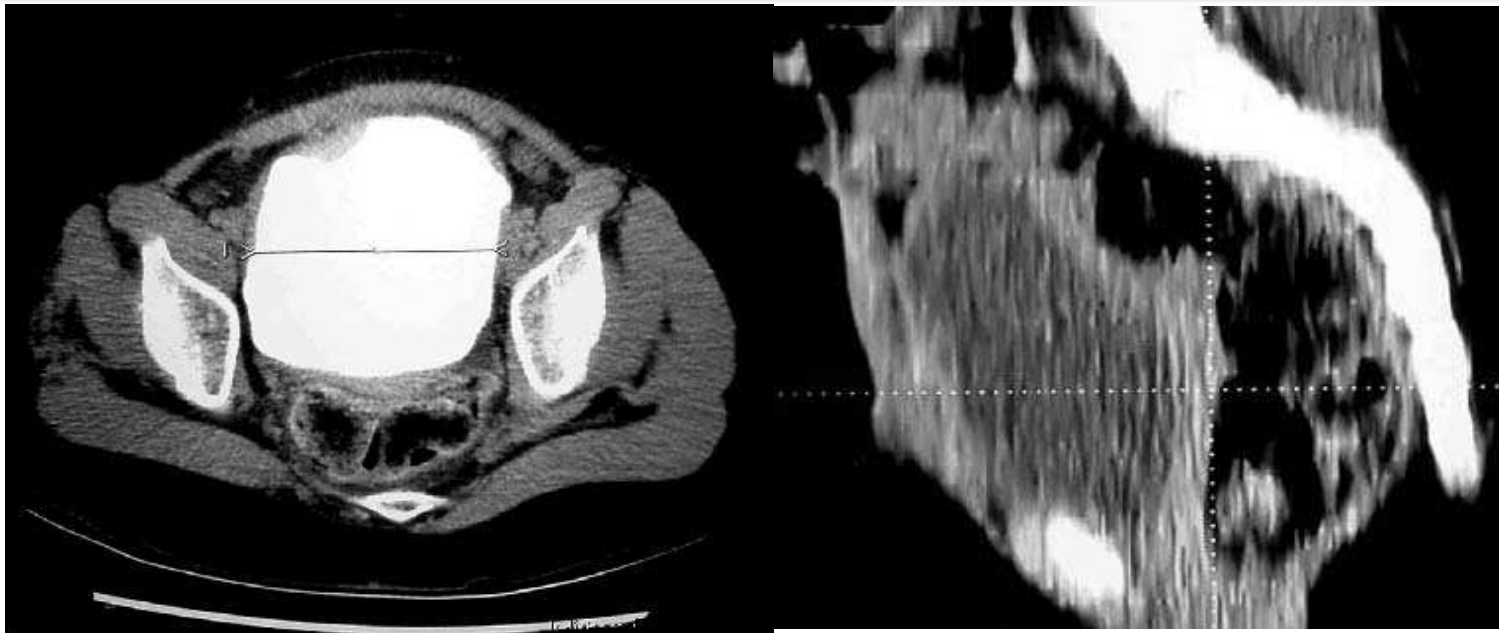
- Patients with high pressure /low capacity bladders
- All failed medical therapy and were considered candidates for bladder reconstruction



Bioengineered Bladder



Bioengineered Bladder



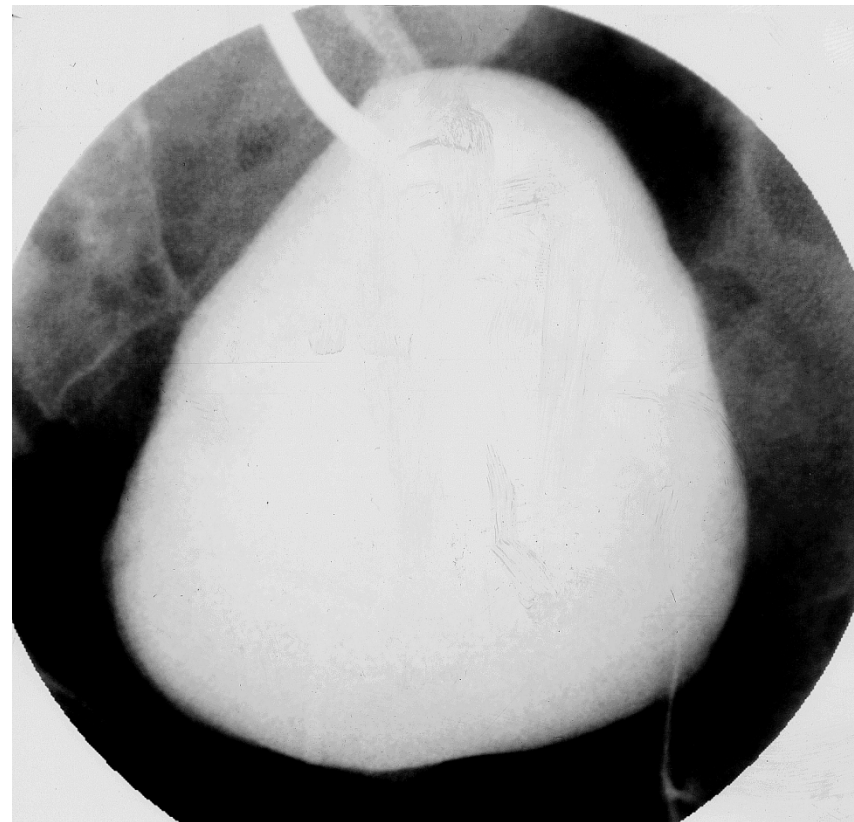
Bioengineered Bladder



Pre-Op



Post-Op



Bioengineered Bladder



THE LANCET

**“Tissue-engineered
autologous
bladders for
patients needing
cystoplasty”**

April 2006



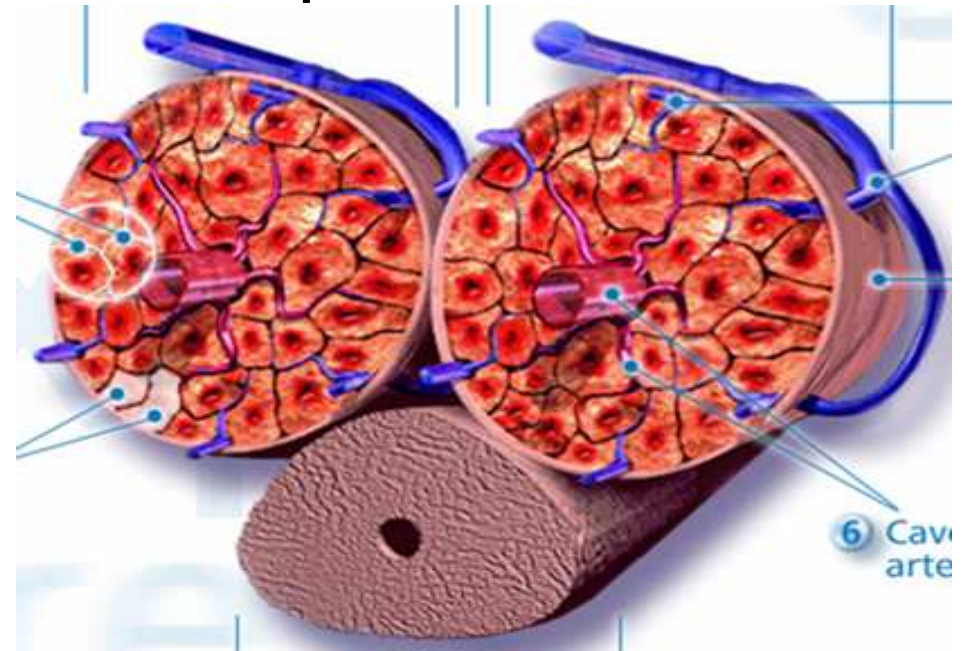
Clinical Experience
Phase 1, 2 trials completed
Over 10 year follow-up
Work still in progress

Anatomy & Function of the Phallus



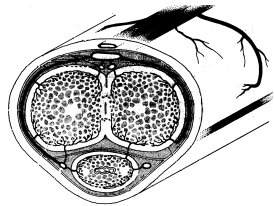
- Complex organ composed of skin, muscle, nerves, and blood vessels (arteries and veins)

Corpus cavernosum

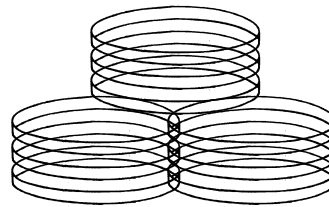
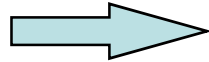


Corpus spongiosum

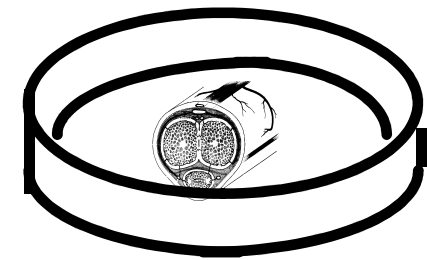
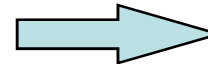
Penile Replacement: Study Overview



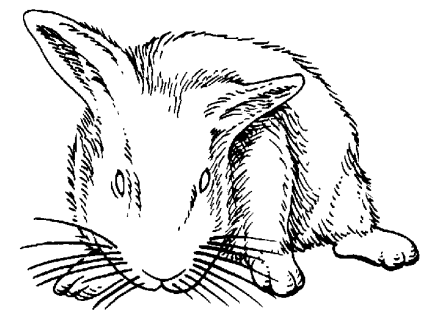
**Autologous cavernosal
cell harvest**



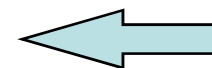
**Cells are grown
and expanded**



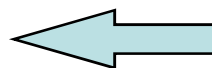
**Cells are seeded on
decellularized penile
corpora matrices**



**Corporal tissue
penile replacement**



**Retrieval of
engineered
corporal tissue**



Analyses

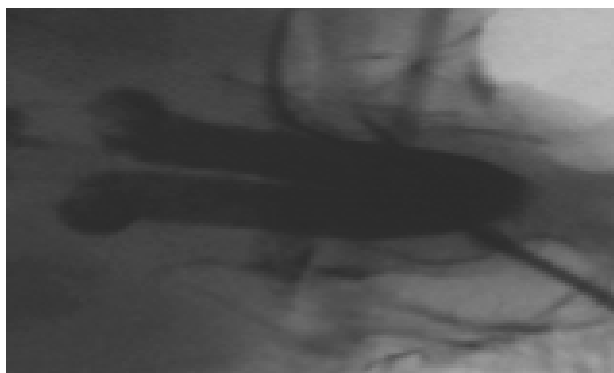
Engineered Phallus



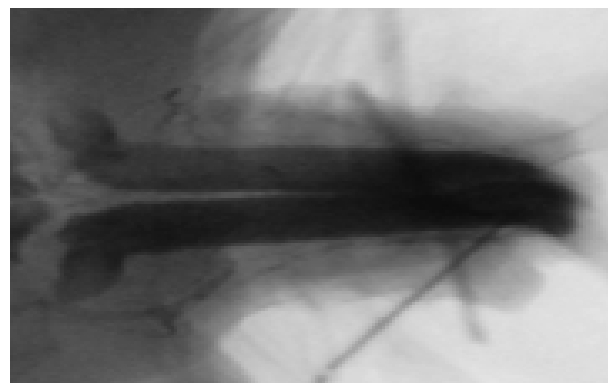
Total Corpora Replacement, Cavernosography



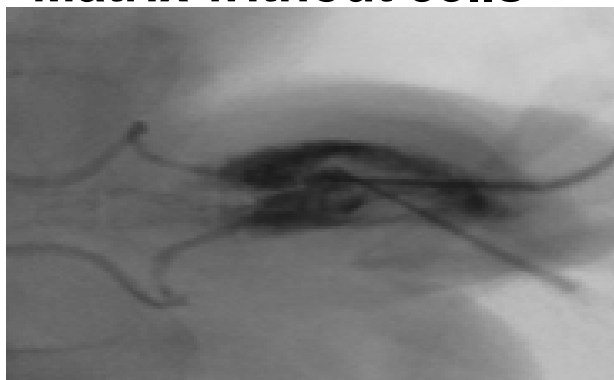
Native corpora



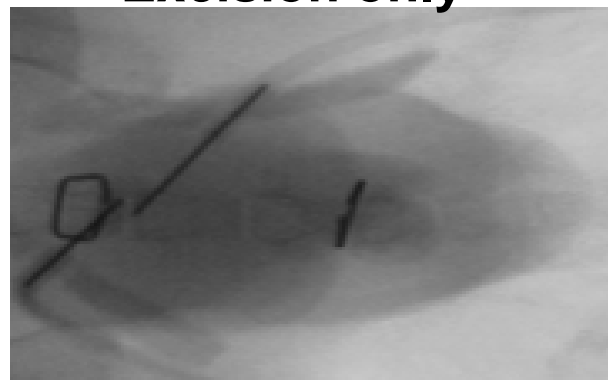
Matrix with cells



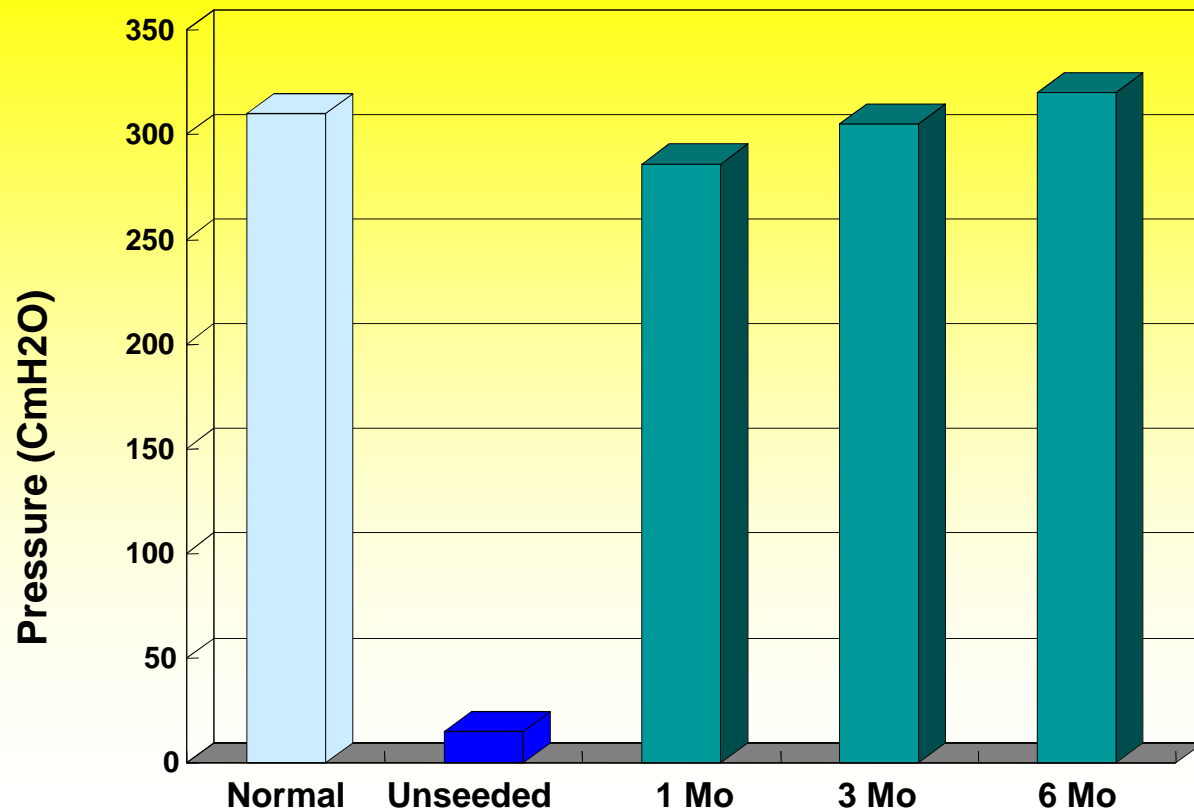
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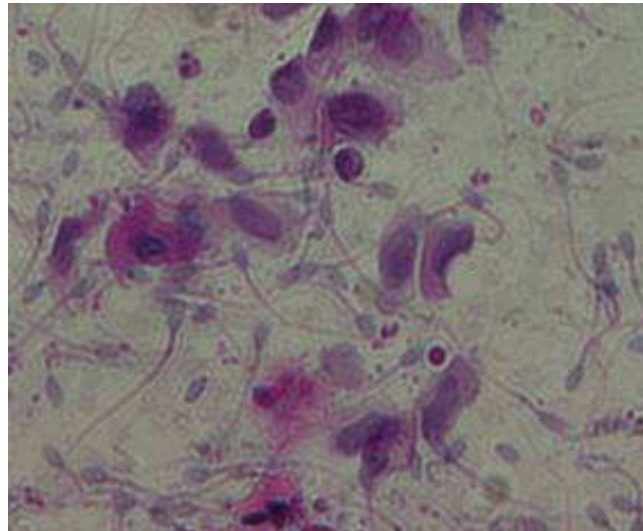
Excision only



Cavernosometry



Engineered phalluses are functional



Sperm in Vaginal swab



Bunnies

Vaginal swab (+) / Pregnancy rate

Experimental (with Cells)

33%

Control (Without Cells)

0%

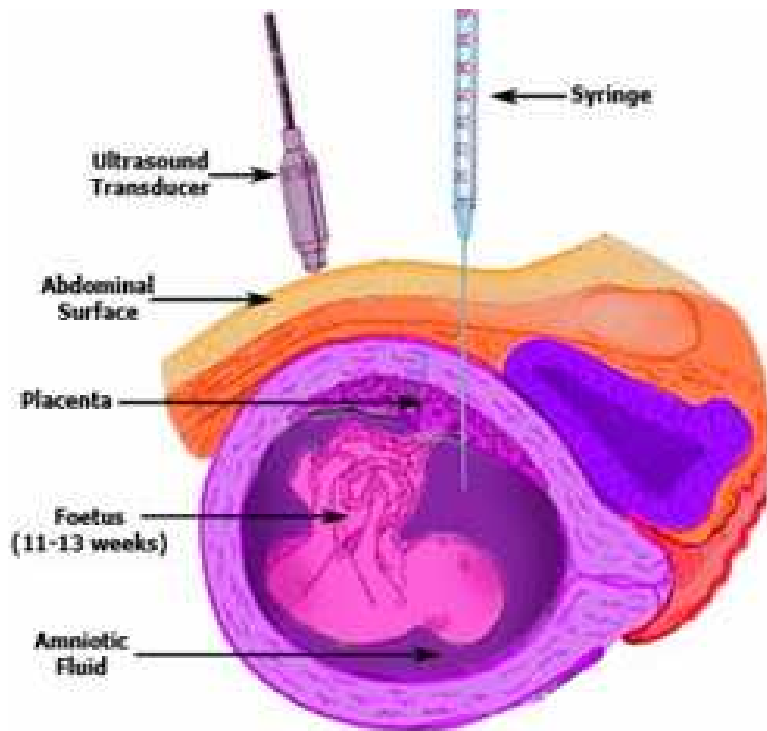
Human Embryonic Stem Cells



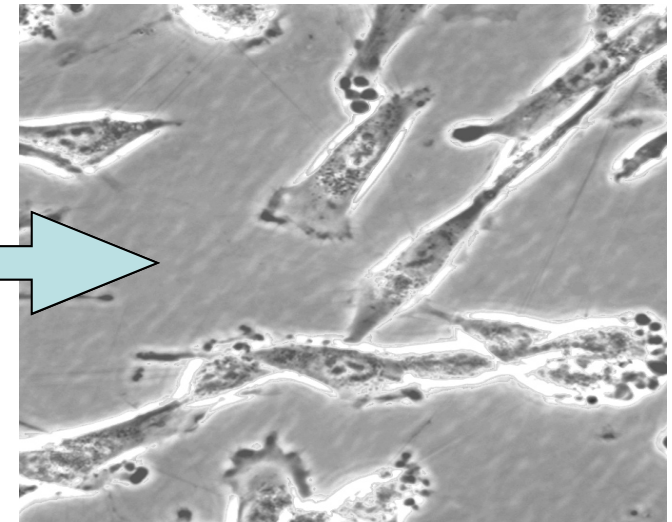
- Pro: very high replicative potential
- Con: tumor potential, issues with rejection

J. Thomson, 1998

Amniotic fluid and placental derived stem cells



- Pro: very high replicative potential, low tumor potential
- Con: issues with rejection



AFS cells



Stem Cell Characteristics



	Embryonic	IPS	Amniotic/ Placenta	Marrow/ Fat	Tissue Specific
Growth Potential	+++	+++	+++	+	++
Tumor Free			+++	+++	+++
Rejection Free		+++		+++	+++
Lineage Potential	+++	+++	++	+	+



What is the Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine?



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- Two consortia working together with the US Army Institute of Surgical Research (230 scientists)
 - 27 Universities
 - 114 investigators – 30% of which are clinicians
 - 46 graduate students
 - 70 post-docs
- Total 5 yr funding of >\$250M
 - \$100M US Government funding from:
 - Army, Navy, Air force, VA, and NIH
 - \$68M Matching funds from:
 - State governments, and participating universities
 - \$109M in pre-existing research projects directly related to the deliverables of the AFIRM
 - From NIH, DARPA, Congressional plus-ups, NSF, philanthropy



Goal: *To Heal our Wounded Warriors*

Five Areas of Emphasis:



Cranio-Facial
Reconstruction



Healing Without Scarring



Limb and Digit Salvage and
Reconstruction



Compartment Syndrome



Burn Repair

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• US Army Institute of Surgical Research

▪ Wake Forest – Pittsburgh

- The Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (NC)
- The McGowan Institute for Regenerative medicine (Univ. of Pittsburgh)
- Allegheny Singer Research Institute
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Georgia Tech Univ
- Institute for Collaborative Biotechnology (ICB) that includes UC Santa Barbara, MIT and Caltech
- Oregon Medical Laser Center
- Stanford University
- Rice University
- Tufts University
- University of Texas Health Sciences Center-Houston
- Vanderbilt University

▪ Rutgers – Cleveland Clinic

- Rutgers /New Jersey Center for Biomaterials
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
- Massachusetts General Hospital / Harvard Medical School
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
- Northwestern University
- State University of New York at Stony Brook
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Utah
- University of Virginia
- Vanderbilt University



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Stem Cells for Regenerative Medicine and Tissue Engineering



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2	MIT	Y
3	Univ. Pittsburgh	Y
4	Columbia Univ.	
5	Tufts	Y
6	Georgia Tech	Y
7	Rice	Y
8	Stanford	Y
9	Case Western	Y
10	Johns Hopkins	

From: World Technology Evaluation Center Report: International Assessment of Research and Development in Stem Cells for Regenerative Medicine and Tissue Engineering, MAR 2008



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2	Rocky Tuan	
3	Robert Langer	Y
4	Gordana Vunjak-Novakovic	
5	Johnny Huard	Y
6	Michael Longaker	Y
7	Jeffrey Gimble	
8	Joseph Vacanti	Y
9	Anthony Atala	Y
10	Antonios Mikos	Y

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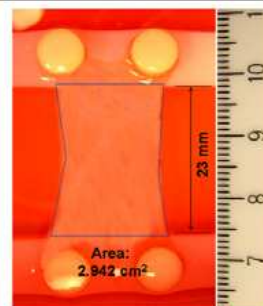
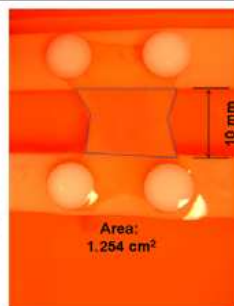
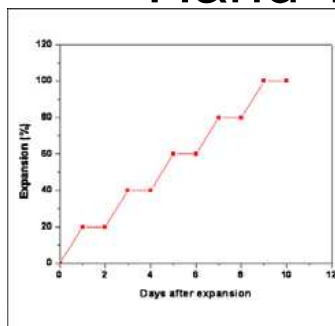
AFIRM: clinical trials scheduled for FY 10



Hand Transplants



Face transplants

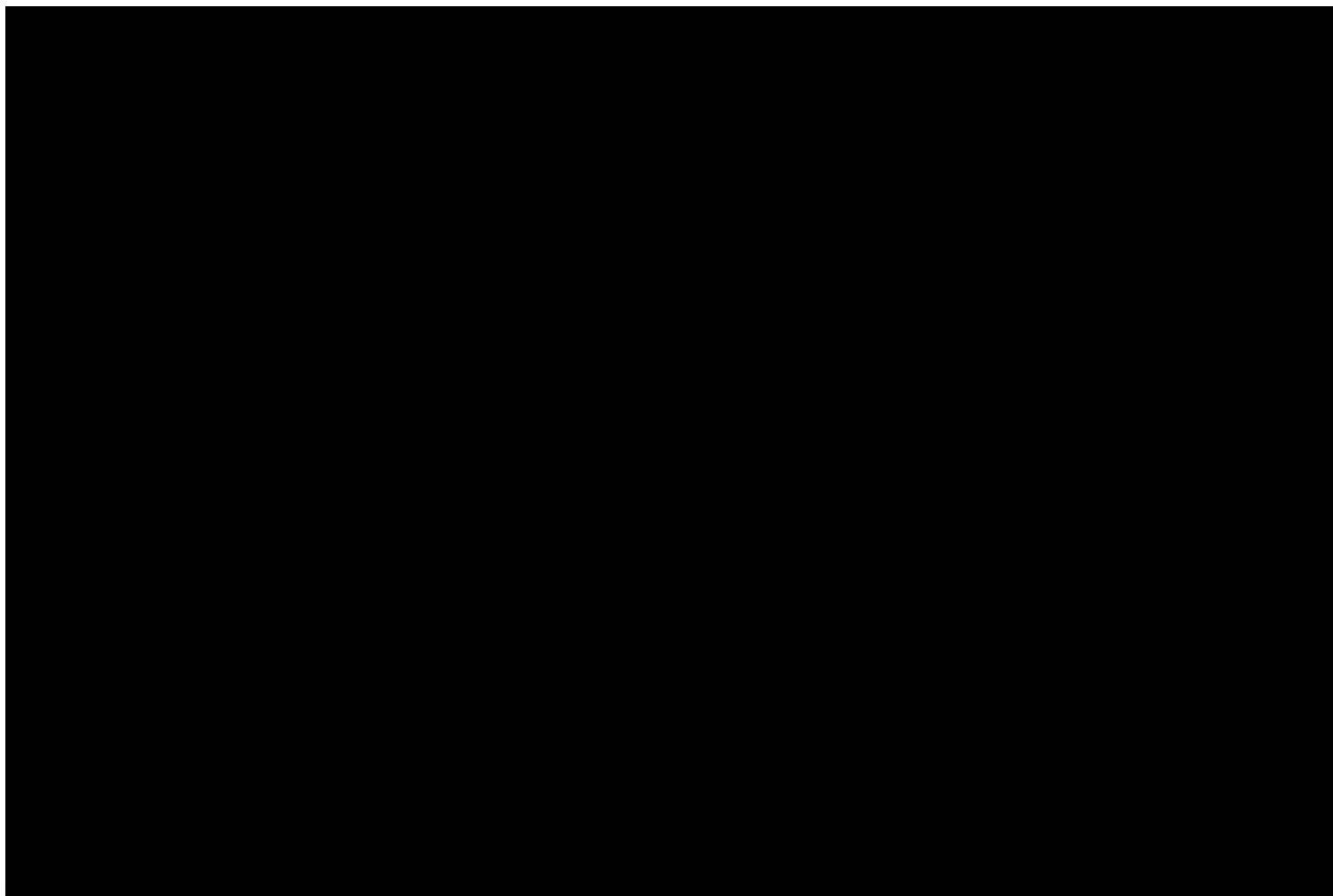


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Josh Maloney

1st AFIRM Hand Transplant





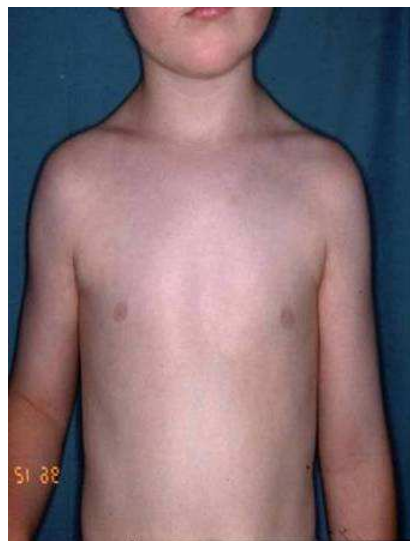
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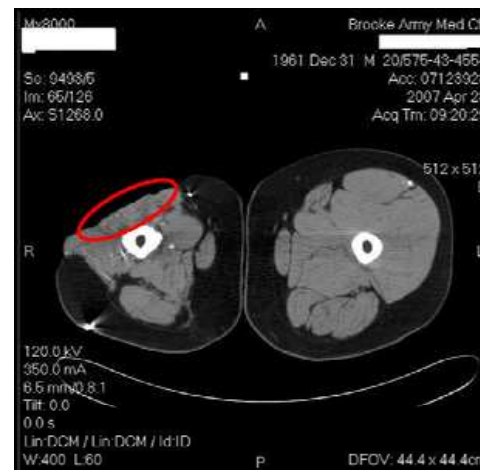
Cell spraying in place of skin grafting for burn patients (ReCell)



Before



After



Using Extracellular matrix to regrow lost muscle tissue.

Autologous engineered skin grafts



Not shown: Fat injections to reduce burn scars and increase mobility.

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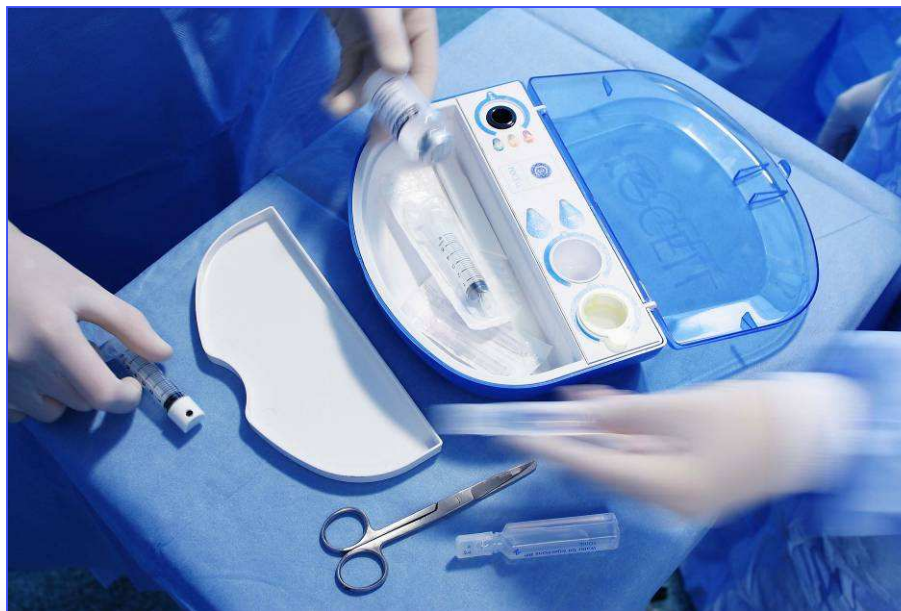


ReCell Kit



Cultured Epithelial Autograft (ReCell)

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ReCell: Scar Revision



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